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26. STATUS OF DRILLING OPERATIONS ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS -
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During consideration of Informative Calendar Item 24 attached, Mr. D. J. Everitts, Manager, Energy and Mineral Resources Development, presented an informative statement regarding the Commission's drilling operations on State tide and submerged lands.

Attachment:

Informative Calendar Item 24 (1 page)

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STATUS OF DRILLING OPERATIONS ON STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS

On December 11, 1974, the State Lands Commission accepted the report "A Review of State Lands Commission Drilling Moratorium on State Tide and Submerged Lands." The report recommended that:

1. The State Lands Commission adopt the proposed operating procedures.
2. The drilling moratorium be lifted, and drilling operations be resumed on a lease-by-lease basis, such resumption to be predicated upon review by the State Lands Division for compliance with the procedures and upon final approval by the State Lands Commission.
3. The State Lands Division be directed to develop and implement a program for the identification of sources of oil pollution, both natural and man-caused, on the beaches.

The individual lessees have been notified of the Commission's action, and the Division has proceeded to implement the recommendations in the report. The major lessees have made initial contacts with the Division in response to requests for information, and have submitted plans of development and other information requested.

One of the lessees, Atlantic Richfield Company, has contracted with an outside firm to draft an environmental impact analysis.